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SUBJECT: GOP DISPLAYS TACT IN SETTLING STRIKE

- 1. SEPTEMBER 12 SAW THE END OF A 14-DAY STRIKE OF EMPLOYEES AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF PERU'S SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. THE STRIKE OF SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS AND ITS EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAD AROUSED CONSIDERABLE INDIGNATION. INITIALLY THE GOVERNMENT THREATENED TO FIRE MORE THAN 2,000 WORKERS. HOWEVER, SEVERAL LENGTHY SESSIONS AND THE INTERVENTION OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR FINALLY ENDED THE STRIKE AND RESOLVED THE DIFFICULTIES, AT LEAST FOR A TIME.
- 2. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO AVOID A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYEES, PARTICULARLY DURING PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR REPORTEDLY BEHAVED WITH SOME SKILL IN BRINGING THE STRIKE TO A PEACEFUL END. THE GOP SEEMS TO DISPLAYING A LITTLE MORE SENSIBILITY AND SUBTLETY IN DEALING WITH LABOR PROBLEMS (SEE SEPTEL ON CTRP). THE GOP ALSO APPEARS ANXIOUS TO AVOID FORCING "UNDEMOCRATIC" SOLUTIONS THROUGH THREATS OF JAIL OR EXILE.

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